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The present letter is filed in response to the office action of March 13, 2001.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, the claims readable thereon as being claims 1-30, 41-44. This is without prejudice to Applicant filing divisional application to the Groups II invention.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, we respectfully submit that the application is in order for allowance and early indication of that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 364-7311 at his convenience.

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